brave man whose life you saved, but whose name we do not know.

September 4th. *Revolution of Fructidor; Barras and Augereau.*

6th. (To the Minister of Foreign Affairs.) It would be impossible to carry on so weighty a discussion with more timid negotiators, worse logicians, or men less influential with their own court. When they have said: Those are our instructions, —they have done their utmost. *I* said to them: If your instructions stated that it is now actually night-time, would you ask us to accept it ? — Yesterday they proposed that we should give them Bomagna, Mantua, and the Venetian state. I asked them how many miles from Paris their army was, and I got vigorously angry at the impertinence of such proposals.

In private conversation I told them that I would give them my opinion confidentially, — to them, because they knew better than outsiders that I was not given to gasconading, — and that it was that two weeks after the campaign opened I should be very close to Vienna.

7th. The army is warned to be ready to move on the 24th.

8th. The plenipotentiaries continue willing nilling, saying unsaying, — somewhat disconcerted by my measures. I have moved Dumas' cavalry forward.